

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 9 as follows:

1. (Trice Amended) A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, having the following formula I:

$$H_{2N}$$
 NH(CH₂) Π COOR

wherein n is 0 or 1, and R is selected from the group consisting of $C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl, $C_{6\text{-}10}$ aryl and

and wherein when n is 0, R is not
$$C_{6-10}$$
 aryl.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 5, which comprises administering [the] <u>a</u> compound [of claim 2,] <u>having the following formula II:</u>

$$H_2N$$
 H_2N
 H_2N
 H_2N
 H_2N
 H_2N
 H_2N
 H_2N
 H_2N

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to the subject.



9. (Amended) The method of claim 5, which comprises administering [the] <u>a</u> pharmaceutical composition <u>comprising a compound</u>, or a <u>pharmaceutically acceptable salt</u> <u>thereof</u>, having the following formula I:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} HN & \\ \hline & NH(CH_2) \\ \hline & \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} COOR \\ \end{array}$$

wherein n is 0 or 1, and R is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl and

and wherein when n is 0, R is not C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

[of claim 3] to the subject.